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John Burvainis, Acting Director
Public Service Commission
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RE: Docket No. NG - 0051 / PI 130
Nebraska Resources Company Pipeline Proposal

Dear Mr. Burvainis,

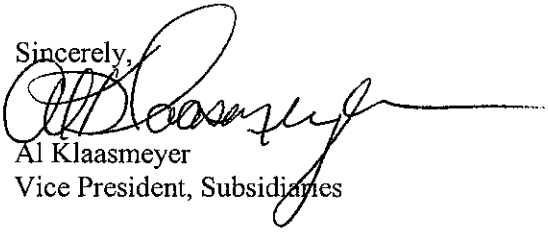
The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) supports the proposal by the Nebraska Resources Company to construct a natural gas pipeline from Clay County, Nebraska, north and east to Columbus (Phase I) and then from Columbus to Norfolk (Phase II). This pipeline will help local distribution companies deliver a reliable and competitively priced supply of natural gas to businesses within the communities they serve.

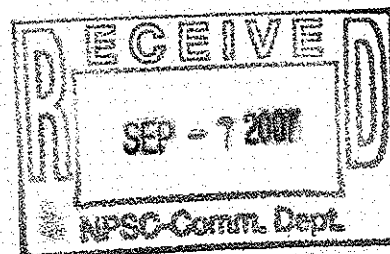
The NHA represents several hospitals in communities along the proposed route for this pipeline, including but not limited to Aurora, York, Columbus, and Norfolk. Nebraska is experiencing an unprecedented increase in demand for natural gas because of the rapid growth of the ethanol industry. In addition, our state's economy is expanding in many other areas, putting more pressure on the existing delivery infrastructure. An additional natural gas pipeline will ensure that those communities and the hospitals that serve them will have a reliable supply of fuel as demand continues to increase.

Nebraska's hospitals believe competition is good. Like many other businesses, hospitals use a considerable amount of energy. The competition that will come with another pipeline may offer competitive pricing advantages that will help hospitals and other businesses lower their energy costs and make them more competitive.

Thank you for your attention to the NHA's perspective on this important matter. The NHA supports this proposal and asks that the Public Service Commission do the same.

Sincerely,


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